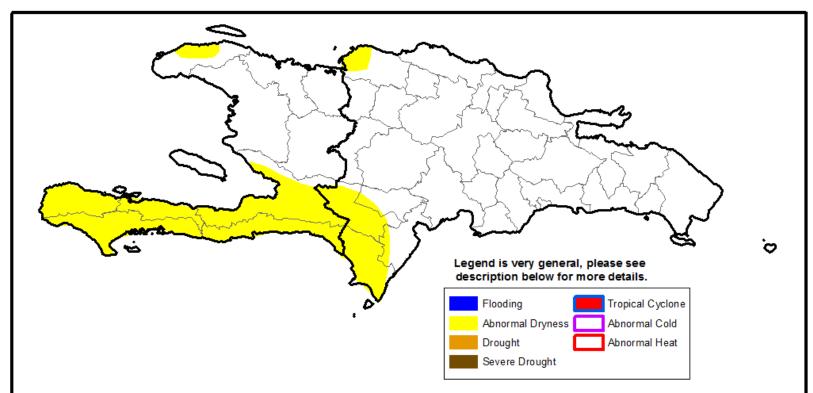


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The observed rainfall anomalies over the past thirty days have indicated average to drier than average conditions over much of Hispaniola. In fact, rainfall has been below-average since mid-September, particularly the southwestern Peninsula and northern departments of Haiti and the southern and northwestern portions of the Dominican Republic. However, the central parts of Haiti, including the Ouest, Centre, and Sud Est departments of Haiti and western Dominican Republic have received average to above-average rainfall, indicative of an uneven distribution of rainfall across the Island. During the past week, this lack of widespread rainfall pattern continued as moderate to locally heavy rains were observed only over the Ouest and Sud Est departments of Haiti and the west-central portions of the Dominican Republic. Little to light rains were recorded elsewhere. Due to significant (up to 25-50 percent of average) seasonal rainfall deficits since August, below-average vegetation conditions have persisted over localized areas of southern and northwestern Haiti and parts of northwestern and southwestern Dominican Republic. During the next outlook period, a slight increase in rainfall is expected over Hispaniola, with moderate to locally heavy rains over the northern half and southwestern parts of Haiti and central Dominican Republic. The forecast increased rains should partially help to reduce moisture deficits and aid cropping activities over local areas of the Island.